

## Utility Trailer Definition

### New Information

Recent legislation added *California Vehicle Code* (CVC) §667 (a) defining a utility trailer. A “utility trailer” is a trailer or semitrailer used solely for the transportation of the user’s personal property, not in commerce, which does not exceed a gross weight of 10,000 pounds, or a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of 10,000 pounds.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), a “utility trailer” includes a trailer or semitrailer designed and used for the transportation of livestock, not in commerce, which does not exceed a GVWR of 10,000 pounds or a manufacturer’s GVWR of 10,000 pounds.

### Background

The definition of “utility trailer” was inadvertently deleted by legislation enacted in 2001 and there was no existing law defining “utility trailer.” Also, the new definition increases the GVWR from 6,000 pounds to 10,000 pounds.

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